

Comments Relating to Newly Added Claims

The invention has been newly claimed with recitation of the projections on the superior surface of the articulator tray, tapering of the opening so that the opening in the tray is wider at the point where it opens to the superior surface of the tray and also reciting a covering on the bottom of the articulator tray.

The tapered aspect of the opening is described in several places, but especially at the first full paragraph of page 8 with one example of tapering seen at figure 16.

The projections are discussed at the first full paragraph of page 9 with various embodiments of the projections shown in figures 12 (#51), 13 (#55) and 15 (#59).

The covering over the bottom of the opening is disclosed at page 8, first paragraph and shown, among other places, at figure 16 (#64).

The hinge means are described at page 8, beginning with line 25 and illustrated at figure 1, Figure 5 (#20 and #21) with interaction shown at figure 9.

It should be noted that neither prior art reference teaches an opening with tapers so that the opening is wider at the superior surface of the tray. Neither are there the projections extending upward from the superior surface of the trays of the prior art references.

As indicated at the aforementioned interview, the use of the tray with the tapering opening and the projections provide means for making a model that is produced quickly but is stabilized by the projections on the superior surface. The articulator trays have proven to be very successful in the market place once the dental technicians got used to the idea they would not need to use pins in the making of models.

It is believed the claims are clearly patentable over the prior art. If further discussion would facilitate prosecution, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 703 425 8405.

Respectfully submitted,

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